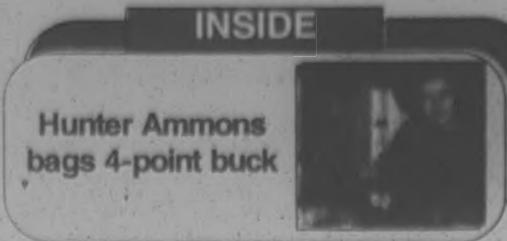
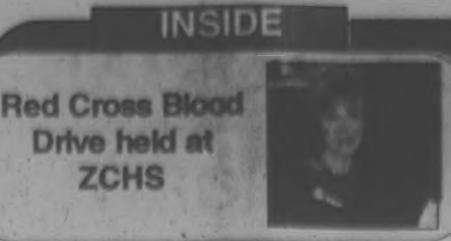


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Mayor Charles Cole urges motorists to use caution and obey the speed limit

## U.S. Highway 84 bypass opens in New Brockton

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole issued a plea to motorists Monday evening, Feb. 4, during the New Brockton Town Council meeting to use caution when traveling on the newly opened U.S. Highway 84 bypass around New Brockton.

"We as drivers need to be careful," said Mayor Cole.

The bypass opened for travel Friday, Feb. 1. The mayor said any time there is change there also will be conflicts. He noted a few occurrences already when motorists have made driving errors in making the transition

onto or around the bypass. Mayor Cole also noted the need for extreme caution on the bypass in the area of New Brockton High School. He said Department of Transportation (DOT) indicate they cannot post the speed ranged anywhere from 60-88 miles per hour.

Cole also said he watched traffic travel through the intersection near the school Friday afternoon, and in less than 10 minutes more than 120 vehicles came through the intersection.

He said that is a lot of traffic for one intersection. Council member Cal Donna Howard also asked motorists "to please drive carefully."

Council members seemed to agree it can be easy to make driving errors in making the transition onto the new bypass, and they all strongly encouraged motorists to use extreme caution while traveling this new and currently unfamiliar route.

Mayor Cole also asked motorists to obey the speed limit when traveling the bypass.

Also during Monday evening's town council meeting, New Brockton resident Linda Pouncey addressed the council regarding a problem on Willow Street.

Pouncey said the problem is an old problem that residents have brought before the council in previous years.

Pouncey said residents of Willow Street would like to see the road widened. She also requested town officials study the situation of the road and make repairs to it as necessary to eliminate mud holes and other problems.

Mayor Charles Cole said he would ask the town's street superintendent to meet with the county engineer to study the situation and see what can be done to help the residents with the problem(s) on Willow Street.

During his report to council members, Police Chief Dale Grimes reported that Officer Heather Koerner had resigned from the department to accept a position with the Opp Police Department.

Grimes said Koerner will surely be missed. Before the meeting was adjourned, he presented Koerner with a plaque thanking her for her service to the New Brockton Police Department.

Koerner thanked town officials and Grimes for allowing her to go to the police academy to fulfill her dream. She added that it has been her pleasure to work for the Town of New Brockton.

In response to the announcement, council members approved a motion to accept Koerner's resignation.

Several council members spoke highly of Koerner and her service to the city. Each assured her she will be missed and thanked her for the good job she had done.



During Monday evening's New Brockton Town Council meeting, New Brockton Police Chief Dale Grimes presented a plaque of appreciation to Officer Heather Koerner thanking her for two years of dedicated service to the police department. Grimes announced during the council meeting that Koerner had resigned from the department to accept a position with the Opp Police Department.

## During Elba City Council meeting City clerk updates council on installation of lights at airport

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met last week but had no business that needed votes.

Two items were on the "new business" list and both were tabled, but for different reasons.

A review of the franchise fees charged cable TV companies, etc., was to be reviewed. At the request of Mayor James Grimes, this matter was tabled.

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PROGRESS is being made in remodeling the former Hardee's building. Workers were installing the Burger King signs on Tuesday of this week. This marks a milestone in getting the facility up and running. It also ends the debate over exactly what type eatery was going to be housed in the remodeled building. Rumors have been all over the map as to what the name will actually be and any mention of the Burger King name often started a debate from someone who had just heard another unfounded rumor.

## PowerSouth selects 2008 Elba High School youth tour winners

On Thursday, Jan. 31, a group of local eleventh-grade students experienced PowerSouth's commitment to community firsthand as they were selected as PowerSouth's 2008 Youth Tour winners.

The students will represent PowerSouth in the Montgomery Youth Tour March 4-6 and on the Washington Youth Tour June 14-19.

Each participating student wrote an essay on PowerSouth's past, present and future, with which they earned a place among the top five from their junior classes. The students were then scored on a written test and an interview competition at PowerSouth Headquarters in Andalusia.

Shelby Brunson, daughter of William and Rhonda Brunson, was selected as the Elba High School winner.

Brunson serves as majorette captain for the Elba High School Band, and is a member of FFA, VICA, Girl Scout Troop #300 and Covenant Community Church youth group. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served as chair of local fundraiser and helped build the Elba Playground.

Robyn Hudson, daughter of C.S. Gallagher and Kala Hudson, was selected as the Elba High School runner-up.

Hudson is an all-state musician, clarinet section leader in the Elba High School band and an EHS Ambassador. She is a member of Senior Beta and "A" Club.

Andrew Head was selected as Elba High School's first alternate, and Meredith Brunson as second alternate.

PowerSouth has participated

in the Youth Tour program for more than 20 years, sponsoring students from Andalusia, Elba, Opp and Pike County high schools. The winner from each school represents PowerSouth at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., every June since the late 1950s to learn about electric cooperatives, tour the nation's capital and meet with government leaders.

The winners and runners-up from each school attend the



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**Area Happenings**

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Fern Cox

We have commented before about all the e-mails received informing us of contest winnings, help seek woman get huge pots of money out of some foreign country, etc. Well in 2007 we saved them in a special folder entitled "scams" and the total was 475. As of Tuesday morning of this week there have already been 71 more stored in the "scam" file for 2008. This is only from our official, publicized "Elba Clipper" e-mail address and doesn't include those from a personal, unlisted (and free) Yahoo address sometimes used. Nor does it include the e-mails offering 10% of money received just to collect checks, deposit them in our account and forward the balance to some foreign bank "earn \$2,000 a month", etc. When banks (with insurance and regulations to protect the depositor) will do that for pennies per check, it has to be rip-offs for dozens of such offers to hit our inbox every week.

Condoleezza Rice for Vice President... an e-mail received this week played with that possibility. The reasoning is quoted from that message: "Although Condi has said that she will not run for president, it is likely that any Republican nominees could ask Condi to serve as a candidate for vice president. Condi has proven herself... exhibits grace under fire. She has also shown she can deal effectively with any crisis... has the rare and priceless ability to lead and inspire nations. Of course, she's a black woman too..." Now the sender of this e-mail was author Mary Beth Brown who wrote a book about Rice and maybe wanted to sell some more books, but the idea should make fodder for lots of political debate in the coming months.

Hillary cried on TV again Monday. We wonder as the voters go to the polls on this Super Tuesday if it will have the same positive effect as it did in the New Hampshire primary last month. More than one voter has admitted plans to vote for Hillary Tuesday because she should be easier to defeat in November than Senator Obama.

Last week we commented about University of Alabama sports fans supporting Obama if his spin experts would space out his name to be "O-Bama". Well right after that, one of those e-mails which circles the globe several times a day came in with a variation of the idea. They were going to put a "G" in front of the "O" and have "Go Bama" drawing and Bama supporters to the Senator.

Ryuwa Kawashima, the Japanese researcher behind Nintendo's Brain Age series of games for the DS portable system, likes work better than enjoying \$1 million in royalties he could have earned from his games. He gave it all to Tohoku University where he worked. It will be used to fund construction projects on the campus. "Everyone in my family is mad at me but I tell them that if they want money, go out and earn it," Kawashima is quoted as having told them. We like that attitude... unless of course if we could have been on the receiving end of some of the funds.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 28, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for a disruptive student, one for reckless endangerment, one for criminal mischief, one for theft of property, one for domestic violence, one for harassment, one for burglary, one for carrying a concealed weapon, one for domestic dispute, one motor vehicle accident, one private property accident, two for possession of marijuana and one for public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: two for violation of probation, four for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument, six for failure to appear, one for assault, two for possession of marijuana and one for public intoxication.

Crime citations issued during the week were as follows: thirty-one for violation of the seat belt law, ten for speeding, one for a revoked driver's license, two for violation of the child restraint law, one for running a stop sign, one for operating without insurance, one for carrying a weapon without a permit, three for improper suspended driver's license, one for running a red light, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and one for an open container.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28** - Wreck reported at Old Samson Rd. and Hwy. 87 S. (4:50 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hickman Ave. (12:22 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29** - Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30** - Wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 84 (10:56 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1441 Hwy. 166 (1:53 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31** - Burglary reported at 820 First Ave. (2:02 p.m.); Minor wreck reported near the Inland store on W. Davis St. (4:32 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Caroline St. in the area of Elba Villas (6:01 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 166 (6:49 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1** - Minor 2-vehicle wreck reported on S. Court St. by the old jail (12:16 p.m.); River reading 18.5 ft. (12:18 p.m.); River reading 18.06 ft. (2:36 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2** - 2 - County EMS dispatched to 2044 County Rd. (2012:10 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 909 Harper Dr. (9:51 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3** - Domestic disturbance reported at 617 Putnam St. (9:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1212 Deal St. (11:29 p.m.).

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## You can learn a lot cruising the seas

By Linda Hodge, Editor

On Saturday, Jan. 26, my sister and I set sail on quite the adventure as we took a Western Caribbean cruise that allowed us to visit parts of the world we had never seen before. We came home with lots of stories to tell and even more memories - some good, some bad and some just outright hilarious.

All in all though, I'd say it was a really great trip. One thing is for certain it was a trip that allowed us to witness some of nature's beauty through an up close and personal view. I also found the trip to be kind of educational as I let this new adventure be a time for trying new things.

Our home away from home was the Grandeur of the Seas from the Royal Caribbean cruise line, and I certainly felt at home as the entire crew was as hospitable as could be. We set sail from the port in Tampa, Florida last Saturday afternoon. By Sunday morning, we had already made it to our first destination, Cozumel, Mexico.

You'd finish one meal, and before you knew it, it was time for another meal. And, if you wanted something in between, it was available. By the end of the cruise, I was tired of eating! (if you can believe that).

Don't get me wrong though, I enjoyed the food. Well... I mostly had taken cruises that I rather enjoy cold soups. I tried a few of those (mostly a fruit based soup) and found them to be quite tasty.

On Monday, Jan. 28, we docked in Cozumel, Mexico. Overall, I'd say Cozumel was a fun and interesting place to visit.

The coolest thing to me, though, was the color of the water in Mexico. It was simply breathtaking. I had heard about the water, but the stories could not do it justice.

I also met Rambo in Cozumel, but unfortunately, that was just isn't enough space in the paper to go into detail. I'll have to save that story!

On Tuesday, our adventure took us to Belize City, Belize. What can I say? That's most definitely not the highlight of the trip. I bought a sunvisor in Belize that referred to the place as "Unbelievable Belize" and it



The sunsets left me in awe last week during our cruise vacation. Scenes such as the one above were excellent examples of how beautiful nature truly can be.

my roasted duck.

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Oh by the way, did I mention the temperatures? It was my kind of weather: shorts and t-shirts with temperatures in the 80s. As I sat relaxing in the sun, I often wondered what the temperature was like back home. All I can

say is, "I tried to soak in as much fun, sun and warmth as I could for everyone."

Now that the adventure is over, I can assure you it was a worthwhile trip; and I hope to again soon be "cruising the seas."

Kaelyn Ashley Fillingim competed in the Coffee County Woodland & Forestry Scholarship Pageant. Kaelyn was named "2008 Petite Miss Coffee County Forestry." Kaelyn is the daughter of Troy Fillingim & Holly Stinson. Kaelyn's grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Kaelyn Fillingim.



David Fillingim, Dr. Beverly Fox of Daphne & Mr. Ted Fillingim of Jack. Kaelyn will compete at the State level on June 14, 2008, in Auburn, Ala.

**Congratulations Kaelyn! We are so proud of you!**  
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Daddy, Anna & All of Your Family

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**ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall**

**ELBA CITY COUNCIL - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall**

**ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garnet Classroom.**

**COFFEE COUNTY COMMISION - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m. - Community Room in Farm Center Complex - New Brockton**

**LEBON CLUB - 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center**

**ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7 p.m. - Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.**

**MASON LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. -**

**BAND BOOSTERS - Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School**

**YOUTH BAND - Mon. - 7 p.m. - Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.**

**MON-FRI - 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3852**

**COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House**

**COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. - Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise**

**ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 p.m., the PBO office at the airport**

**AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month**

**ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room**

**NEW BROWNSVILLE - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba Public Library**

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## Shuffling Through Our Files... (News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

## 10 Years Ago

\* **New Arrival** - Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Vaughan of Elba are the proud new parents of a baby boy, Jason Will, born Jan. 26, 1988 at 7:37 p.m. in Enterprise Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs 8 oz.

\* **40 Years Ago**  
\* **Distinguished Flying Cross Awarded Enterprise Soldier** - For heroism in combat Army Major Burt P. Redmon, son of Mrs. B. H. Redmon, received the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies near Qui Nhon, Vietnam, last month. Piloting a rocket-armed helicopter, Major Redmon made numerous low level rocket-firing passes over enemy positions and succeeded in destroying them although receiving intense ground fire.

\* **Sam DeYarn Accepts As Pi Kappa Phi - An Elba student, Sam B. Devane, has recently been initiated into Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Sam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Devane.**

\* **Angel Dust** - Now A Problem in Elba - Elba Police Chief M. W. Johnston reported this week that a number of cases of local now "angel dust" had occurred. He said that this drug, which is a dangerous drug being sold over the counter, has recently been introduced into Elba. Johnston said that the drug is highly unpredictable and side effects can occur years later.

\* **40 Years Ago**  
\* **Time Meters At Courthouse**

\* **Homecoming Events Set at Zion Chapel** - Zion Chapel High School will hold its annual Homecoming and Barbecue Saturday, Feb. 8. Festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a barbecue, and will continue through 8 p.m. All former students, former teachers, and friends have been invited by the committee in charge. Barbecue will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at 75 cents a plate.

\* **First Baptist BWC holds recent meetings** - Mrs. Nellie Martin was hostess at the First Baptist Church on January 29th.

\* **50 Years**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Huntingdon College invites students and families to Host Day

The Huntingdon College is open to prospective students and their families on the last of three Host Day events to be held this academic year, Saturday, March 1. Huntingdon Host Days are offered from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided) in the College's historic main building, Flowers Hall. During Host Days, prospective students and families may tour the campus, meet with Huntingdon faculty,

staff, coaches, and students, and learn more about the admission and financial aid processes at Huntingdon College. The March 1 Host Day coincides with men's and women's tennis matches and an afternoon baseball game at 2:00 p.m. with Emory University. Families are invited to stay for these events as guests of the College. For more information or reservations, contact the Office of



## KINSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### 2nd Nine Weeks

2nd Nine Weeks	Grayson Todd Sessions, Andrew Cole Sutherland, Harley Dakota Wambles	Hutchinson, Cassidy Jackson, Sarah Brianna Moore, Mikayla Skye Wambles
<b>A-B" Honor Roll</b>		
6th Grade	Trace Jared Archie, Haley Nicole Bass, Chebbie Elisabeth Fuller, Hayden LaDayne Harper, Jaxson Todd Lee, Benjamin Set McCollough, Evan Kade Mercer, Anna Carrie Rogers, Kinston Elementary School	Whitney Brantley, Brittany Clarke, Heather Hendrix, Chesley Holloway, Steven Smith
7th Grade	Jacob Jay Bass, Jayce Ivanah Bass, Chebbie Elisabeth Fuller, Shaunte Frederic Henderson, Zachary Slade Jacobs, Stacey LaVaughn Nelson, Harley Kendall Norris, Chae Linh Phan, Samantha Reyes, Kaitlyn Paige Louise Wood	Clarie Bailey, Megan Coleman, Savannah Ellis, Lindsey Foster, Jena Freese, Olivia Sasser
8th Grade	Kasady Marie Cardwell, Daniel Blake Carpenter, Tatiana Shaunte Frederic Henderson, Zachary Slade Jacobs, Stacey LaVaughn Nelson, Harley Kendall Norris, Chae Linh Phan, Samantha Reyes, Kaitlyn Paige Louise Wood	Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish
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10th Grade	Madison Nicole Courson, Tanner Alan Morris, Tiffon Bryant, Norsworthy, Kathryn Marie Salter, Autumn Taylor Scott, Corey Blaine Stanford, Brandon Matthew Thompson, Austin Thomas Wise	Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish
11th Grade	Alison Scott Bailey, John Cameron Camley, Samuel Talmage Coale, Devin Tyler Crumblett, Brandi Lee Davis, Krysten Nicole Dorsey, Traylin Don Jacobs, Katie Allison Mack, Laken Shianne McBride, Cierra Nicole McCollough, Dawson Samuel Odom, Leslie Morgan Reeves	Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish
12th Grade	Caleb Dee Bell, Payton Nicole Bird, Courtney Shyanne Carney, Michael Donovan Crohn, Charlesia Jo'Tonia Edwards, Zackary Wayne Folmar, Bethany Cheyenne Gilmore, Myra Christine Hudson, Justin Christopher Hutchinson, Cassidy Jackson, Sarah Brianna Moore, Mikayla Skye Wambles	Erica Locklin, Jessica Parrish

## Tri County Valentine Beauty Pageant set for February 9th

The 2008 Tri County Valentine Beauty Pageant will be held Saturday, February 9th at the Elba High School auditorium at 6 p.m. Registration and practice will be held on Friday, February 8th at 6 p.m. at the auditorium. For more information, please contact Starla Amison at 877-8301 or Ray Kyle at 877-8301. This event is being sponsored by the members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170.

## American Red Cross is holding Fundraiser on Saturday, February 9th

The American Red Cross is holding a February Fundraiser, February 9 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event is entitled "Red and white chocolate night". Heavy hor'dours, a decadent array of chocolates, music to enjoy, and a silent auction are on the menu. Join the fun and support the local American Red Cross. Tickets may be purchased at the chapter office in the Enterprise Civic Center. Contact the chapter at 334-347-2461 for more information on how to purchase tickets.

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# SCHOOLS

## JOURNALISM SPOTLIGHT

by Brittany Davis



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
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Kelly Corder

### Elba Elementary School celebrates School Board Appreciation Month

by Kelly Corder

serving in this important capacity. Board members enjoyed visiting with students, staff, and faculty members before, during and after lunch.

Board members attending included Matt Brunson, Valerie McGuire, Aubrey Williams, Josh Wilson and Gappa Wise.

Also enjoying the activities were Danny Weeks, Elba City School Superintendent; LaKesha Brackins, Principal of Elba Elementary School; and Gina Price, Curriculum Coordinator of Elba Elementary School.

Each board member was given a key chain as a keepsake of the day and a token of appreciation extended to them for

their hard work.

After graduation April plans

on attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham and

receiving a degree in psychology.

### Elba B-team and Varsity boys outscore Geneva County

by Kim Blue

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Elba High School basketball teams played against Geneva County schools.

To start off, Elba's B-team played a very good game. Elba's B-team star player, Kendrick Robertson, scored a total of 21 points. However, everyone on the B-team scored points and played throughout the game.

Coach Hammonds stated, "At the beginning of the season, my team did not depend on each other; now, they have learned that if you want to win, you have to depend on each other throughout the game."

At the time ran out on the



Jacquetta Whitfield was a stand-out player for the Lady Tigers in the Geneva County game.

scoreboard, the score came to a halt with Elba 52 and Geneva County 38.

Also, the varsity girls played Geneva County, but were not as successful as the B-team. However, the girls played hard and gave a tremendous effort, but they just could not make the baskets when they were needed.

Coach Peacock explained, "Towards the end of the game, I put in younger players, so it gave them more game experience. Jacquetta Whitfield gave this game her all, and I was very proud of all her hard work."

At the end of the game, the

Elba Lady Tigers defeated by Calhoun Tigers in Elba

# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie celebrated her 19th birthday on Monday and while we didn't get to be with her on the actual day of her birthday, we did take her shopping over the weekend and took the family out to eat Sunday night. She said she didn't really need anything as we headed out shopping, but my pockets were empty by the time we made it back home. So, I guess she came out okay. Happy Birthday!

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season last week with one win in three games and will carry a 10-14 record into the area tournament this weekend. The Tigers did get a win over Geneva County to snap their eight game losing streak, but ended the season with only one win in their final eleven games and won't exactly be on a roll when they head into post-season play. Coach Johnson and his players are confident they can pull off an upset or two in post-season play. However, it will take a lot more effort than they have shown at times over the past three weeks.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers dropped all three games last week and will limp into the area tournament with a 7-14 record. The Lady Tigers scored in the twenties in all three losses last week, and will have to find their offense this week if they are to have any hope of moving on into sub-region play. The Elba girls have shown at times they can indeed play well, but late in the season they seem ready to hang up their sneakers. One more loss and that will be what they get to do.

\*\*\* The area tournaments tip off this week all over the state, and closer to home several teams are set about the upcoming post-season party. On the boys side of the bracket the Kinston Bulldogs will be hosting a tournament and should be the favorites to move on out of their own home court. While Brantley will be favored to claim the area title in the region, the Flomaton and New Brockton should escape from the section in Barbour County and move on. Zion Chapel is looking at a third straight winless season, and unless something unexpected happens the streak will go on. Over on the girls side of the bracket, look for the Brantley Lady Bulldogs to roll out of the tourney on their home court with an area crown, while Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel will have to pull off a major upset to have their seasons continue.

\*\*\* The recent rainy weather has the baseball and softball coaches at Elba High scratching their heads and wondering if they will be able to open the season on their home fields. There has been a lot of work done on both fields in recent weeks, but with the heavy rains coming at least once a week the fields are soaked and final preparation on the actual playing fields has come to a stop. Maybe the weatherman will cooperate in the days to come and the teams will get to play at home on their new and greatly improved fields.

\*\*\* In closing.... The Brantley Bulldogs announced their 2008 football schedule recently and the Bulldogs will open their season at home on a Friday night against Luverne. The Bulldogs had been playing their cross-county rivals the final week of the season on a Thursday night for years, but have changed the series to a Friday and now will kick off the season against their biggest rivals. Brantley added Daleville to take Elba's place on the schedule and will oppose the 4A Warhawks the final week of the season.

### Youth baseball and softball registration set for Feb. 11-22

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct registration for youth baseball and softball from Monday, February 11 through Friday, February 22. Registration fees are \$25 per child with a \$50 maximum fee for families with more than two registrants, and registration forms will be passed out at the Elba Elementary School, Elba High School and all area daycares.

Leagues in baseball include T-Ball (ages 3-5), Coach-Pitch Baseball (ages 6-8), Dixie Minor Baseball (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball (ages 15-16) and Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 17-18).

Leagues in softball include T-Ball (ages 3-5), Coach-Pitch Softball (ages 6-8), Dixie Angels Softball (ages 9-10), Dixie Piontials Softball (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles Softball (ages 13-15) and Dixie Devils.

### Men's softball tourney set for Feb. 23

There will be a men's softball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Enterprise Sports Complex. The entry fee is \$135 per team and each team must provide its own regulation softball. A 3-5 home-run rule will be in effect and the deadline to enter is Feb. 21 at 12:00 (noon). For more information contact Nancy at 598-4322 or 763-0327.

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## Elba Tigers snap long losing streak

The Elba Tigers closed out regular season action last week with three games and claimed one win in the three outings to end the regular season with a 10-14 record.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

### Luverne 74 Elba 52

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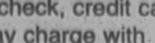
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



New Brockton High School seniors paid a visit to Enterprise-Ozark Community College recently where they learned all about being admitted to college, registering for classes, applying for financial aid, selecting a major, attending classes, and joining college clubs and organizations. The EOCC Mentors, the College's official hosts, assisted students with questions and decisions and took the seniors on a tour of the Enterprise Campus.

## Regional peanut production meetings underway

The 2008 Alabama Regional Peanut production meetings, which began Jan. 11, will continue with five more meetings scheduled throughout the state's peanut-producing areas.

Upcoming meetings include:

Feb. 11, 6 p.m. in Robertsdale;

Feb. 12, 10 a.m. in Development Office on Highway 231 in Troy. A meal will be served at each of the meetings.

The meetings offer preplanning tips and overviews of current issues related to the peanut industry, including production practices, variety recommendations and marketing update.

Scheduled speakers include:

Randy Griggs of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association on the farm bill and industry issues; Marshall Lamb and Wilson Faircloth of the National Peanut Research Laboratory on marketing and economics; and Kris Balkcom, Austin Hagan and Ron Weeks of Auburn University's Wiregrass Research and Extension Center on production updates and issues.

For more information about the production meetings, contact your nearest county

Extension system.

Alabama peanut producers

will also be gathering at the National Peanut Festival

Fairgrounds in Dothan on

Thursday, Feb. 7, as the third annual Alabama-Florida Peanut

Trade Show opens.

Outdoor agricultural exhibits,

equipment demonstrations, a

"biodeisel" classroom on

wheels" and more will be featured.

For more information on the

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Wilson at (334) 792-6482.

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